

secular government and said we would focus on the souls of men. Actually, the first leader to call for that division was not one of our founding fathers. His name was Adolph Hitler, who told the preachers of Germany, "You take care of their souls and I will take care of the rest of their lives." The Bible teaches that peace within a Nation comes as God's people stay active and pray for their leaders.

Scripture challenges us in 1 Timothy 2:1-2: "I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayer, intercession requests for everyone, for kings and all in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all goodness and holiness."

Here is the million dollar question: Are we better off today? Since we banished God from all our public life and systems and allowed a vocal group of humanist activists to tell us our faith is dangerous to the liberties of this Nation, are we better off? Are we satisfied with what is happening in America?

Alexis de Tocqueville was a famous French statesman and scholar. Beginning in 1831 he toured America for years to find the secret of her genius and strength which was marveled at throughout the world. He published a two-part work titled, "Democracy in America," which is still hailed as the most penetrating analysis of the relationship of character to democracy ever written.

Here is how de Tocqueville summed up his experience:

"In the United States the influence of religion is not confined to the manners, but shapes the intelligence of the people. Christianity therefore reigns without obstacle, by universal consequence. The consequence is, as I have before observed, that every principle in a moral world is fixed and in force.

"I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her great harbors; her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her universal public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and in her matchless Constitution.

"But not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"

That is why America was great. That is why America is now a mess.

Let me close by suggesting the answer offered us by President Abraham Lincoln in the address he gave calling for April 30, 1860, seeking a national day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, and I read from Abraham Lincoln:

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved these many years in

peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and powers as no other Nation has ever grown.

"But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

"Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving Grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

This was Abraham Lincoln.

Now we have an entire population that has no clue of its true American heritage. They have not forgotten; they have never known or heard the truth of our founding as a Christian Nation.

O Lord, forgive us, heal us and lead us to stand for what our fathers fought to give us, to promote the power of the gospel in shaping this Nation and to have the courage of our convictions as Judeo-Christians. May we not shrink back. Abraham Lincoln said this to our Nation. We need to hear it again.

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

I thank Dr. Fredericks for permitting me to plagiarize his address.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2001

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2001, unless the House sooner receives a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 251, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMMONS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BLAGOJEVICH) to revise

and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SANCHEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Accordingly, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, for morning hour debates, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 251, or, under the previous order of the House, until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2001, if not sooner in receipt of a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 251.

Thereupon, (at 3 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House stood adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, for morning hour debates, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 251, or under the previous order of the House, until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2001, if not sooner in receipt of a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 251.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4346. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Designated Contract Markets in Security Futures Products: Notice-Designation Requirements, Continuing Obligations, Applications for Exemptive Orders, and Exempt Provisions (RIN: 3038-AB82) received October 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4347. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Notice of Statement of Commission Policy Regarding Temporary Relief From Certain Provisions of the Commission's Regulations—received October 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4348. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States; (H. Doc. No. 107-135); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4349. A letter from the Deputy Legal Counsel, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Community Development Financial Institutions Program—Core and Intermediary Components—received September 26, 2001, pursuant